

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 1 with the following rewritten paragraph:

This application is related to United States Patent Application No. 10/709,544 filed May 12, 2004, now ~~pending in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office~~ Patent No. 6,983,978.

Please replace paragraph [0028] with the following rewritten paragraph:

[0028] With reference to FIGS. 4 and 5 in which like reference numerals refer to like features in FIGS. 1-3 and in accordance with alternative embodiments of the invention, the carrier plate 14 may be provided with sealable openings to afford access to the space between the carrier plate 14 and the door frame 16. In particular and with reference to FIG. 4, [[the]] a carrier plate [[14]] 14a may be provided with a sealable opening in the form of a fold down panel 88 that has an opened position affording access to the outboard side 24 of carrier plate 14 to, for example, install fasteners 58 for the window regulator rails 54, 56 or to position the latch 36 manually and a closed position that is substantially sealed to air, dust and water. Alternatively and with reference to FIG. 5, the sealable opening may consist of a sealable slit 90 extending through the thickness of [[the]] a carrier plate [[14]] 14b.